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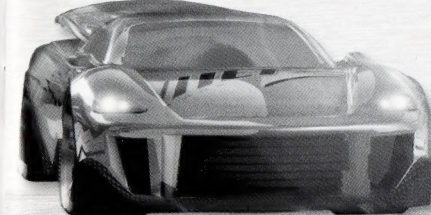
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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Before you install Hot Wheels™ Velocity X, you should make sure that your PC meets the following hardware and software requirements. You should have:

- Windows® 98, Windows® ME, Windows® 2000 or Windows® XP
- Pentium® II 350 Mhz processor or higher
- 64MB of RAM or higher
- 800 MB available hard disk space
- 8x CD-ROM drive or higher
- 16 Bit 640x480 DirectX® compatible graphics card w/16MB of RAM
- 16-bit Sound Card
- Mouse

INSTALLING Hot Wheels™ Velocity X CD-ROM

To Install:

1. Begin at the Windows® desktop.
2. Insert the Hot Wheels™ Velocity X CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to install the program.

If the Hot Wheels™ Velocity X startup window does not appear automatically on screen, you can install the program manually:

1. Click the **Start** button on the taskbar and choose **Run**.
2. Type **D:\SETUP.EXE** in the line labeled Open. (Where D:\ is the letter assigned to your CD-ROM drive)
3. Click the **OK** button and follow the on-screen instructions to install the program.

Note: For best performance results, close all unnecessary applications before installing or running Hot Wheels™ Velocity X.

If you experience problems with the Installation or compatibility of DirectX® on your computer, please consult the hardware manufacturer of your video or sound card for the latest drivers compatible with DirectX®. Check the Microsoft® Web site for more information.

INSTALL DIRECTX®

Click the Install DirectX® button to **install DirectX®** if it is not already installed on your computer.

RUNNING Hot Wheels™ Velocity X CD-ROM

Anytime you want to run the Hot Wheels™ Velocity X game, you must place the Hot Wheels™ Velocity X disc into the drive before you start the program. You may then start Hot Wheels™ Velocity X through one of three ways.

Auto Run:

If you have Autorun enabled the Hot Wheels™ Velocity X Startup Window will automatically pop up every time you insert the CD-Rom in your disk drive. You can then start the game by clicking on the **Play Game** button from the Hot Wheels™ Velocity X Startup Window.

Desktop Icon:

If you have previously installed the game and selected to place a Hot Wheels™ Velocity X icon on your desktop, you may also access the Hot Wheels™ Velocity X Startup Window by clicking on this icon. You can then start the game by clicking on the **Play Game** button from the Hot Wheels™ Velocity X Startup Window.

Start Button:

If you have previously installed the game, you can access the game by clicking the **Start** button, then selecting THQ, Hot Wheels® and then clicking the **Hot Wheels™ Velocity X** icon. You can then start the game by clicking on the **Play Game** button from the Hot Wheels™ Velocity X Startup Window.

STARTUP WINDOW OPTIONS

The startup window will appear each time the game is launched. Press the **Display Options** button to access these advanced options.

SCREEN RESOLUTION

You may change the screen resolution of the game through this option. Note the default settings are recommend for most computers.

DISPLAY OPTIONS

Check the corresponding boxes to increase performance on low-end machines.

- **Disable Anti-Aliasing**
- **Low Resolution Textures**
- **Force Geometry LOD**
- **Minimal Particles**

FILTER

- **Trilinear** – This is the default setting and is recommended for most computers.
- **Bilinear** – Select this to increase performance on mid-range machines.
- **None** – Select this to increase performance on low-end machines

START MENU ITEMS

PLAY

After successfully installing the program, click **Play Game** on the startup window to start the program and play the game.

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UNINSTALLING Hot Wheels™ Velocity X CD-ROM

1. Click the **Start** button and select **Programs**
2. Next, select **THQ**, then **Hot Wheels™**
3. Click the **Uninstall Hot Wheels™ Velocity X** menu item and follow the on-screen instructions.

KEYBOARD CONTROLS

Controls:	Keyboard:
Accelerate	Up Arrow
Turbo Booster	Up Arrow + Up Arrow
Brake/Reverse	Down Arrow
Steering/Stunts	Left/Right Arrows
Stunt Roll Forward	W
Stunt Roll Backward	S
Stunt Roll Left	A
Stunt Roll Right	D
Cycle Through Gadgets	Left-Ctrl
Power Slide	Left-Shift
Fire Gadget	Space Bar
Change Camera	Tilde ~
Pause Game / In Game Menu	ESC
Select/Start	Enter

INTRODUCTION

You are about to enter the racing world you've always dreamed of! Get behind the wheel of real Hot Wheels®

cars screaming down straight-aways, looping above cities, and battling villains with ultra-advanced weapons. It's the extreme Hot Wheels® racing experience that's even better than you imagined.



STORY

Max Justice is trying to stop an evil gang of racers that have stolen his family's Hot Wheels® cars and top-secret data. Max must outrace and battle the villains to get back their cars and research.

MAIN MENU

Move your mouse to select one of the following. You can also use the arrow keys, then press Enter.

- *One Player – Push your Hot Wheels® cars to the extreme in Adventure, Challenge, Drag Race, Battle and Joyride modes.*
- *Load Game – Load and play a previously saved game.*
- *Save Game – Save your game to play later.*
- *Options – Change game settings, cheats, music, sounds, and keyboard settings to maximize your Hot Wheels™ Velocity X game experience.*
- *Extras – View cool extras!*
- *Exit to Desktop – Quit the game and return to your Windows® Desktop.*



OPTIONS MENU

- *Game Settings* - Choose easy, medium, hard or very hard.
- *Customize Controls* - You can change your default keyboard setting in this menu.
- *Cheats* - Unlocked cheats can be accessed through this menu.
- *Audio* - Select the volume level for the Background Music or the Sound Effects.

PLAYING A GAME

Pick a Car Screen:

Move your mouse to select one of the following. You can also use the arrow keys.

- *Speed* - Determines how fast your car can go!
- *Armor* - The more armor you have, the more enemy attacks you can survive.
- *Acceleration* - Weave through traffic with ease with a high acceleration rating.
- *Traction* - Take tight corners at high speeds with a high traction rating.

Meter lights ranging from 1 to 5 (5 being the strongest) indicate each car's strengths and weaknesses. Click on the vehicle to confirm your selection. There are 30 different Hot Wheels® vehicles to choose from. Unlock them all!

Gadgets:

Use the Mouse or arrow keys to select a gadget. Left click to select.

Additional gadgets can be picked up by running over them.

PLAYING A GAME



Jet Boosters – Increases your top speed.



Armor Repair - Repairs small damage.



Super Zapper – An impressive energy pulse gadget.



Ripper Wheels – Tear your way out of trouble.



Atom Blaster – Fire a stream of blasting atoms.



Freon Bomb – Cover an area with an explosive blast of Freon.



Energy Shield – Temporarily increases shielding.



Magnet Mine – Stick it to your enemies.



Doom Disks – A deadly spray of heavy metal.



Sonic Boom – Takes out everyone within earshot.



Oil Drum – Slippery oil makes enemies slide.



Laser Cannon – Blast your enemies with the power of light.

Before equipped gadgets can be used, the gadget meter must be charged up. The more stunts you perform, the more your gadget meter will charge up.

Unlocking Vehicles And Gadgets:

Complete missions in the Adventure Mode to unlock new Hot Wheels® cars. Unlocked cars have better speed and handling.

Gadgets are also unlocked during the missions. As you progress through the Adventure Mode levels, advanced gadgets will become available.

PLAYING A GAME

Stunts:

Performing stunts allows you to charge your gadget meter and turbo booster. Points are awarded for each successful stunt.

As your vehicle goes over a jump, use the Left/Right Arrow keys or the W, S, A, and D keys for special stunts.

Helper Arrow:

A helper arrow indicates the right direction to complete missions. If you get lost or don't know what to do, just follow the arrow!

Points:

Points are awarded for doing stunts and eliminating enemies. Certain missions require you to get a specific point total in order to complete them.



PLAYING A GAME

Current Score

Helper Arrow

Timer

Turbo Boost Meter

Health Meter

Gadget Meter

Speed Indicator

Radar

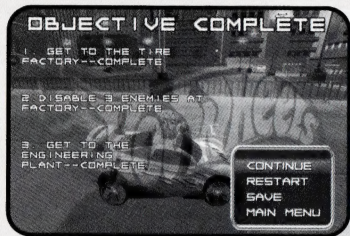


Gameplay Screen:

The gameplay screen has a timer, speed indicator, gadget meter, helper arrow, and health meter.

Your currently selected Gadget is shown in the lower left circle. The lit blue line shows your Gadget power. Before gadgets can be used, the gadget meter must be charged. Charge the gadget meter by successfully completing stunts.

PLAYING A GAME



Pause/Quit:

Press *ESC* to pause the game. When paused, select *RESUME*, *MISSION INFO*, *RESTART*, *CONTROLLER*, *SAVE*, *QUIT*, or *EXIT TO DESKTOP*.

Mission Completed Screen:

Use the arrow keys and press *Enter* to select *CONTINUE*, *RESTART*, *SAVE* or *MAIN MENU*.



Mission Failed Screen:

Select *RETRY* to start over, or *MAIN MENU* to quit and return to the Main Menu.



ONE PLAYER

There are five awesome modes for single players.

- *Adventure* – Story mode with mission objectives.
- *Challenge* – Develop your driving skills with exciting challenges.
- *Drag Race* – Compete against the best drivers in your favorite car.
- *Battle* – An extreme demolition derby free for all.
- *Joyride* – Explore unlocked levels and search for special keys to unlock secret cars!

Adventure:

Each mission begins with an onscreen message giving you the mission and time allowed. It's your job to race through the environment and fight off enemy cars while trying to complete the mission on time. If your car blows up or you run out of time, the mission ends. Complete the mission within the given time limit to unlock new vehicles and gadgets, and progress to the next mission.

Challenge:

Work on driving skills by completing different challenges throughout the different Adventure mode environments. Go from one checkpoint to another while picking up items, avoiding barrels and/or performing stunts to complete a challenge.

Drag Race:

Compete against Hot Wheels® cars in an extreme race using your favorite unlocked car.

Battle:

Can you survive in a free for all match against enemy cars? The car that disables the most other cars wins.

Joyride:

Drive around the levels you've unlocked and learn shortcuts, alternate routes or practice stunts without time limits or enemy attacks.

SAVING AND LOADING

Saving

At the end of any successfully completed mission or challenge, or with the successful unlocking of a new car, you have the option of saving your game. To save your game, select the SAVE option.

Loading

To load a previously saved game, select LOAD GAME from the Main Menu. Select your most recently saved game from one of the eight save slots.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you are experiencing slow gameplay, try lowering the screen resolution at the Startup Window. Lowering the screen resolution and bit depth will increase the game's performance (see Page 5).

Make sure your video drivers are up to date.

Please review the Readme.txt file for the most up to date issues regarding Hot Wheels™ Velocity X.




Race & Destroy A Wild Robotic Raptor!



The Hot Wheels® Raptor Blast™ track set takes racing to a whole new level. Race your cars past the raptor and into the vertical speed chamber. Build up attack speed and then launch your Hot Wheels cars at the raptor, blasting him sky-high!

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